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As a software engineer with over 15 years' experience, I would like to comment regarding the Proposed Final Judgment in United States v. Microsoft.

The proposed remedies fail to restore a competitive environment: their weakness actually encourages Microsoft to continue with the anti-competitive practices which have successfully killed or harmed competitive products and companies such as Apple (QuickTime), Be (BeOS), Digital Research (DR-DOS), Geoworks (Ensemble), IBM (OS/2), Netscape (Communicator), Novell (Netware), and many others. All of these products were vastly superior to what Microsoft could offer at the time, and some of them had the backing of large and competent organizations. In all cases, "dirty tactics" from Microsoft have been demonstrated and documented widely.

To help consumers, a settlement must restore competition in such a way that the tactics applied by Microsoft against the products cited above would no longer be possible. The current settlement fails by that measure. As such, I consider it insufficient. I therefore ask you to reconsider the settlement and to take the time to ensure that it is effective.

Regards,  
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